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Fauci Admits to Lack of COVID Mask Evidence — but Wants Us to Wear Them Anyway

New York Post reported:

> Dr. Anthony Fauci flip-flopped once again on masking as a means to tamp down COVID-19 as he admitted that a wide-ranging study found that face masks made no difference in the course of the pandemic.
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> As the White House's chief medical adviser, Fauci gave conflicting advice on the efficacy of masking, first saying it was unnecessary for the general public, then that "universal wearing of masks is the most practical way to go."
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> As recently as this May, the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said that unvaccinated children still should mask up when playing with friends. But in February, a major study from the Cochrane Library found that wearing them was pointless. "There's still no evidence that masks are effective during a pandemic," Tom Jefferson, the study's lead author, said in February.
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> Confronted with Jefferson's quotes, Fauci backtracked. "When you're talking about the effect on the epidemic or the pandemic as a whole, the data are less strong," he admitted.

Federal Appeals Court Revives Lawsuit Against FDA Over COVID Ivermectin Messaging

The Hill reported:

> A federal appeals court ruled Friday that a lawsuit against the Food and

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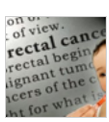
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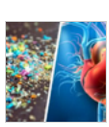
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Drug Administration (FDA) over its campaign against the use of ivermectin to treat COVID-19 can continue, reversing a lower court decision.

Three doctors sued the FDA last year claiming that the agency's anti-ivermectin campaign went too far, overstepping its authority and acting more as a medical body than a regulator.

A district court ruled that the suit could not continue, but the 5th Circuit Appeals Court revived the doctors' hope in its Friday ruling, sending the case back to a lower court where it will be reconsidered.

The three doctors said their reputations were harmed by the FDA campaign because they promoted ivermectin use. One doctor was suspended from a hospital, while another was fired from a medical school.

University of Wisconsin Investigated by House Republicans Over 'Dangerous Gain-of-Function' Research

The Daily Wire reported:

House Republicans announced an investigation on Friday into gain-of-function research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison that they said could be "dangerous."

The letter was sent by Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic Chairman Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) to UW Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin requesting information on the university's gain-of-function research and any information on if the university had worked with the Wuhan Institute of Virology or on any coronavirus projects.

The letter pointed to previous problems identified with gain-of-function research at the university, but the university has said that the controversial research is "needed and highly regulated."

Wenstrup said that he disagreed with the university's assertion that there was enough regulation on gain-of-function research, saying that previous use of gain-of-function research at the university proved otherwise.

New AI-Generated COVID Drug Enters Phase I Clinical Trials: 'Effective Against All Variants'

Fox News reported:

Artificial intelligence is increasingly moving into the healthcare arena and helping to streamline medical processes — including the creation of new drugs.

Insilico Medicine, an AI-driven biotech company based in Hong Kong and New York City, recently announced that its new AI-designed drug for COVID-19 has entered Phase I clinical trials. This oral drug is a treatment, not a vaccine. If approved, it would become the first-ever alternative to Paxlovid, noted Alex Zhavoronkov, Ph.D., founder and CEO of Insilico Medicine.

Paxlovid, which is currently the only medication available to treat COVID symptoms, has been linked to some undesirable side effects, Insilico noted. One of these is "Paxlovid rebound," which is when patients recover from COVID and test negative — but then test positive again a short time later.

Another documented side effect, "Paxlovid mouth," occurs when the drug leaves an unpleasant taste in the mouth for those who take it. An additional limitation of Paxlovid is that as COVID mutates, drug-resistant strains can emerge.

FDA, CDC Hid Data on Spike in COVID Cases Among the Vaccinated: Documents

The Epoch Times reported:

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COVID-19 cases among vaccinated seniors soared in 2021, according to newly disclosed data that was acquired by U.S. health agencies but wasn't presented to the public.

Humetrix Cloud Services was contracted by the U.S. military to analyze vaccine data. The company performed a fresh analysis as authorities considered in 2021 whether COVID-19 vaccine boosters were necessary amid studies finding waning vaccine effectiveness.

Humetrix researchers found that the proportion of total COVID-19 cases among seniors was increasingly comprised of vaccinated people, according to the newly disclosed documents. For the week ending on July 31, 2021, post-vaccination COVID-19 cases represented 73% of the cases among people 65 and older, the company found. The elderly were 80% fully vaccinated at the time.

Breakthrough infection rates were higher among those who were vaccinated early, the researchers found. They estimated that the rates were twice as high in those who had been vaccinated five to six months prior when compared to people vaccinated three to four months before.

YOUR HEALTH: COVID Vaccine Nasal Drops

WAFB reported:

Getting immunized from COVID-19 could soon be as simple as using nasal spray. Researchers at Washington University in St. Louis are working on nasal drops that could be key to stopping the transmission of the virus before it enters the body.

There are two main advantages of a nasal spray instead of a shot in the arm. There are no needles involved, and nasal spray triggers an immune response in the nose and upper airway.

Without using mRNA, researchers are targeting fiber proteins in the virus. "We're trying to engineer these proteins so that we can infect the nose even better than our present vaccine," Dr. Curiel explained.

The nasal drop vaccine is also quickly adaptable, so it can be quickly modified to match new variants that emerge of the COVID-19 virus. The nasal drops are already being manufactured in India, Europe, and Japan and should be ready to be presented to the FDA in the United States by the end of 2023.

Tonix's Long COVID Drug Fails to Meet Mid-Stage Trial Goal

Reuters reported:

Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp (TNXP.O) said on Tuesday its experimental drug failed to meet the primary goal in a mid-stage study for management of widespread muscle pain and tenderness associated with long COVID-19.

Shares of the company were down 12% in premarket trading.

The 63-patient study was designed to monitor the intensity of pain in patients who had long COVID and administered either the drug, TNX-102 SL, or placebo, but the trial failed to show improvement at week 14 of treatment, the company said.

Tonix intends to meet officials from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in early 2024 to seek permission to conduct a late-stage trial that focuses on reducing fatigue in patients with long COVID, an illness with no approved drugs.

U.S. Lab Tests Suggest New COVID Variant BA.2.86 May Be Less Contagious and Less Immune-Evasive Than Feared

CNN Health reported:

> Two teams of U.S. scientists have completed lab experiments testing the antibodies from vaccinated and infected Americans to see how well they might be able to fend off currently circulating variants of the virus that causes COVID-19, including the highly mutated BA.2.86.
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> Their results match up almost exactly, and the news — at least when it comes to BA.2.86, which has also been dubbed Pirola — is very good. Our immune systems can recognize and fight off this variant as well as, and perhaps even a bit better than, the currently circulating offshoots of the XBB variant.
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> Their results align with earlier experiments by labs in China and Sweden. Taken together, the data suggests that BA.2.86 will not be as troublesome as experts had feared. In short, this one seems to be a "scariant."
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> But another variant, FL.1.5.1, which is causing an estimated 15% of new COVID-19 infections in the U.S., may be a different story. This fast-growing descendant of the XBB recombinant variant has a constellation of mutations that have raised the eyebrows of variant trackers. In lab testing, it was the most immune-evasive.

Biden, First Lady Last Together Monday, Same Day She Tested Positive for COVID

ABC News reported:

> Jill Biden was last with President Joe Biden on Monday, her press secretary Vanessa Valdivia said Tuesday, the same day the first lady tested positive for COVID-19.
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> "She'll be monitored by the White House medical team and follow their advice on when to return to the White House," Valdivia said in an update on Biden's health.
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> She was isolating at her home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, away from her husband, who returned to the White House on Monday.
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> Following the first lady's positive test, President Biden took a COVID test on Monday evening and tested negative, his press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement.

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The lies just continue:

1. Masks are effective at stopping the spread of COVID. Now Fauci admits that "the data are less strong." If they don't work, masks are simply an exercise of blind obedience to government officials who mistakenly think that they work.
2. Paxlovid is the only drug to treat COVID. No, Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine have been used effectively to treat COVID.

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jprexena
6 days ago

Let's give Fauci, the Eugenicist Genome a mask that can be glued to his face and tie a bag over his head for science purposes only.
No surprise the latest fear propaganda variant isn't that contagious nor deadly. It's called the cold/flu. Unless for those who took all of their real Covid jabs and boosters they have no immune system and/or have other health issues on top of the matter. It's called the BS 24/7 variant. Mass noncompliance is necessary! Also, those who supposedly test positive or negative, please see the chart for yourself, have they been arrested? There are doubles and clones running around and operations between good vs evil going on as well.

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Peter van der Stam ↗ jprexena
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Yes! Bull Shit 24/7 is the most dangerous disease you are able to contract.

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L P
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What the f should Fauci the fraud and no longer an NIH director, have to say about anything related to public health?!

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April45 ↗ L P
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Exactly, didn't he retire? He needs to can it already.

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Peter van der Stam ↗ April45
2 days ago

You mean: being jailed!!

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Kim from Brooklyn
5 days ago

The thing that really, really, really, pisses me off is that they are still fear mongering the media with covid.

Covid19 broken down: Corona virus I D A I

How are they still proclaiming there is a virus out there???

Man. The media is completely corrupt.

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HongryHawg
6 days ago

Am I the only one who looks at so-called "information" from whatever individual or organization dispenses it and immediately dismiss it as a lie? Anyone who believes these genocidal institutions deserve what they get if they do swallow the proclamations. The source is no more knowledgeable than you are.

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L P → HongryHawg
6 days ago

Most people are too lazy to make the effort to become knowledgeable, so they look to these tools to tell them what to think and do. They deserve it all.

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Kim from Brooklyn → L P
5 days ago

Ignorance should not be a punishable offense, yet there is a very high price that comes with not knowing something and more importantly, not trying to find out details. Many just don't want to spend time researching things. My guess is these types can be illiterate (but most of this stuff is on internet and TV) so there really is no excuse.

So many are walking around now knowing the truth and are scared ^$itless. I am not sure if I would want to know the truth if I were in their shoes, personally. But I would be trying to find out what was going on in my blood and take measures to maintain the best health possible.

Now for the lazy part. You are unfortunately correct. Many are just too lazy, too occupied with other things they feel are more important and until someone they know or they themselves get sick from the jabs, they will walk around hope this all goes away. We know it won't.

No one deserves to suffer but I just wish these individuals would fess up and admit they were duped. To this day, I still have to take punches from friends and family that want to say I am over thinking this. After the initial blow, I manage to pick myself up and pray that they too will one day see and admit to their mistake. I am not holding my breath.

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Voyt Regnal
5 days ago edited

Re: Headlines containing "Covid".
There has not been any 'supervirus' and there are no new 'variants'. I do not buy this narrative.
Nothing escaped from Wuhan. And this is interesting:
https://brownstone.org/arti...

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Rob DF
6 days ago edited

At this point why don't we just eliminate the entire personal protection and filtration industries altogether and let Fauci and co. just make up the rules. Apparently 4 ply surgical spitguards protect against everything including viruses so let"s just proceed to use them for everything - asbestos removal, cleanrooms, battlefield protection, industrial environments etc. etc. A true silver bullet, one size fits all and universally effective.

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mcwinaz
6 days ago

OMG.. CNN is actually talking about our immune system being able to fight a COVID variant? Heavens to Betsy - what's next !?!?!???!?!?!

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Kim from Brooklyn → mcwinaz
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